



# Horticulture Produce Agreement Merchant

<b>Grower</b>	<b>Merchant</b>
Grower's Name:	<b>Merchant's Name:</b> 4 Ways (WA) Pty Ltd
ACN (if applicable):	<b>ACN (if applicable):</b> 633 284 992
ABN (if applicable):	<b>ABN (if applicable):</b> 95 633 284 992
Address:	<b>Store Address:</b> MP 87, 280 Bannister Road, Canning Vale WA 6155 <b>Postal Address:</b> 67 Womma West Road, Virginia SA 5120
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## Terms and conditions

### 1. Agreement

- 1.1. For the Term of this agreement, the Grower agrees to deliver, and the Merchant agrees to buy, Horticulture Produce of the type, quantity, quality and specifications set out in this agreement or as ordered by the Merchant and confirmed in writing by the Grower from time to time, for the price/s stated in, or calculated in accordance with, this agreement.

### 2. Term

- 2.1. This agreement will commence on the Start Date and will continue for the Term of the agreement unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with clause 17.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Start Date	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 or date the last party signs (whichever is the latter)
Term	This agreement will commence on the Start Date and the agreement is terminated under clause 17.

### 3. Merchant's reporting obligations

- 3.1. For the purposes of this agreement, the Reporting Period is per payment period that the Merchant takes produce from the grower.
- 3.2. For each Reporting Period, the Merchant will give the Grower a statement for the Reporting Period, specifying for the Grower's Horticulture Produce received by the Merchant during the Reporting Period:
  - (a) the quality and quantity of the Horticulture Produce bought by the Merchant
  - (b) the date or dates of the purchases
  - (c) the price paid for the Horticulture Produce
  - (d) if the price for the Horticulture Produce was determined by a method or formula specified in subclause 5.1
    - i. the gross sale price of the Horticulture Produce
    - ii. the details of any Horticulture Produce not sold, and
    - iii. the details of any Horticulture Produce destroyed, or to be destroyed, and the reason why the Horticulture Produce was, or is to be, destroyed, and
  - (e) the date on which the Horticulture Produce was delivered to the Merchant.
- 3.3. The Merchant will give the statement referred to in subclause 3.2 to the Grower within the Statement Period, which is 14 days following the end of the Reporting Period.

### 4. Merchant's other obligations

- 4.1. During the period the Grower's Horticulture Produce is under the Merchant's control, the Merchant will exercise all reasonable care and skill in handling and storage to ensure that the Horticulture Produce remains of the highest quality possible.
- 4.2. The care and skill the Merchant must exercise under subclause 4.1 must be exercised until the ownership of the Horticulture Produce passes to the Merchant.

### 5. Price

- 5.1. The price that the Merchant will pay the Grower for Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower will be the amount agreed in writing between the Merchant and the Grower either before delivery of the Produce to the Merchant or immediately upon delivery of the Produce to the Merchant.
- 5.2. The Merchant will deduct 12%-18% in commission from the total the purchases from the Grower.

### 6. Payment

- 6.1. Subject to clause 12, the Merchant will pay the Grower for the purchase of a Grower's delivered Horticulture Produce.

- 6.2. Payment under subclause 6.1 will be made:
- (a) within 30 days of the Grower delivering the Horticulture Produce to the Merchant.
  - (b) by cheque or cash, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Merchant and the Grower.

## 7. Services by Merchant

- 7.1. The Merchant will supply bins or crates to the Grower as (if) required.
- 7.2. The fee that the Grower will pay for the service specified in subclause 7.1 and provided by the Merchant is free of charge subject to all bins and crates supplied being returned to the Merchant.
- 7.3. The amount to be paid by the Grower for the services provided by the Merchant shall be determined by the parties immediately upon the service being completed.
- 7.4. The Grower will pay the amount determined by the parties under subclause 7.3 within 30 days of the Merchant providing the service.

## 8. Delivery of Horticulture Produce

- 8.1. For the purposes of this agreement, delivery of Horticulture Produce occurs when the Horticulture Produce arrives at the address specified in accordance with subclause 8.5.
- 8.2. The Grower will bear the costs of delivery of the Horticulture Produce to the Merchant, unless agreed otherwise by the parties in writing. If the Merchant collects the produce there will be no charge to the Grower.
- 8.3. The Grower may deliver Horticulture Produce to the Merchant in the following circumstances:
- (a) *When the Merchant has agreed to purchase the produce from the Grower.*
- 8.4. A Grower will comply with the following requirements when delivering Horticulture Produce to the Merchant:
- (a) the Grower will include with each delivery, documentation listing the quantity and type of all Horticulture Produce in the delivery
- 8.5. Where the Grower delivers Horticulture Produce to the Merchant, the Grower is to deliver the Horticulture Produce to MP 87, 280 Bannister Road, Canning Vale Western Australia 6155 or as otherwise instructed in writing by the Merchant from time to time
- 8.6. The Merchant will provide secure and suitable off-loading facilities at the premises referred to in subclause 8.5 so as to facilitate the safe and timely off-loading of the Horticulture Produce.
- 8.7. The Merchant will be responsible for giving, or taking reasonable steps to ensure that the Grower is given, a document evidencing receipt of delivered Horticulture Produce.
- 8.8. The Merchant will accept as proof of delivery of Horticulture Produce by the Grower, any document that acknowledges, reflects or evidences delivery:
- (a) where delivery is to an address that is the usual place of business of the Merchant, given to the Grower by it, its officers, employees or agents, or

- (b) where delivery is to an address that is not the usual place of business of the Merchant, given to the Grower by any person who accepts delivery at that address and has the actual or ostensible authority of the Merchant or is a person who is apparently an adult and appears to be engaged in the service of the business at that address.

## 9. Type of Horticulture Produce

- 9.1. The Grower will deliver the Horticulture Produce type as agreed between the Grower and the Merchant.
  - (a) The Grower will supply documentation of the Horticulture Produce which will specify the produce type to the Merchant as per agreement.

## 10. Quality of Horticulture Produce

- 10.1. Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower must be fit for human consumption. The horticulture produce supplied by the Grower must meet the specifications as specified from the Freshspecs published by the Fresh Markets Australia. At times, the Merchant may stipulate any changes to product specification to the Grower in writing.

## 11. Quantity requirements

Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower must meet the following quantity requirements as specified by the Merchant.

## 12. Rejection of Horticulture Produce

- 12.1. The Merchant will accept and be deemed to have accepted delivery of all Horticulture Produce delivered in accordance with this agreement, unless the circumstances set out in this clause apply.
- 12.2. The Merchant may reject Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower in the following circumstances:
  - (a) if the Horticulture Produce delivered does not satisfy the type, quality or quantity requirements specified in clauses 9 to 11, above. However, if part of the delivered Horticulture Produce does not satisfy the requirements in clauses 9 to 11 and part of the delivered Horticulture Produce does satisfy those requirements, the Merchant may only reject the part of the Horticulture Produce that does not meet those requirements.
  - (b) if the Grower does not have title in the Horticulture Produce delivered by it
  - (c) if none of the Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower satisfies the Merchant's requirements as in clauses 9 to 11 then the Merchant can reject the total consignment.
- 12.3. The Merchant may only reject Horticulture Produce under subclause 12.2 within 24 hours of delivery of the Produce in accordance with this agreement.

- 12.4. Where the Merchant rejects Horticulture Produce under this clause, the Merchant will within 24 hours after the time at which the Produce is rejected, notify the Grower of the rejection by telephone, fax, email or other electronic means. Where a Merchant fails to comply with this obligation, the Merchant will be deemed to have accepted delivery of the Horticulture Produce.
- 12.5. The Merchant will notify the Grower in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection within 48 hours of taking delivery of the Produce.
- 12.6. Where Horticulture Produce is rejected by the Merchant, the Merchant may return the Produce to the Grower at the Grower's expense or hold the Produce at Merchant's premises for collection by the Grower at an agreed time.

## 13. Pooling of produce

- 13.1. The Merchant may pool Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower under this agreement with other produce if:
  - (a) the other produce is of the same quality as the Horticulture Produce delivered by the Grower, and
  - (b) the Grower's Horticulture Produce and the other produce meet the quality requirements, specified in subclause 10.1 of this agreement.
- 13.2. Where the Merchant pools Horticulture Produce in accordance with this clause, the amount payable to the Grower will be a proportion of the total proceeds received by the Merchant for the pooled Horticulture Produce that is equal to the proportion of the pooled Horticulture Produce that was contributed by the Grower.

## 14. Title

- 14.1. The Grower warrants that it has title in the Horticulture Produce that it delivers to the Merchant.
- 14.2. Title in Horticulture Produce supplied by the Grower in accordance with this agreement will pass to the Merchant:
  - (a) where the price of the Horticulture Produce, or a method or formula to calculate the price has been agreed to by the Merchant and Grower before delivery as specified in subclause 5.1 of this agreement - on delivery of the Horticulture Produce to the Merchant
  - (b) where subclause 14.2(a) does not apply and the Merchant is to provide a service in relation to the Horticulture Produce in accordance with clause 7 - at the time the service is completed
  - (c) where the circumstances in subclauses 14.2(a) and (b) do not apply, at the time that the parties agree on a price for the Horticulture Produce.

## 15. Insurance

The Merchant has insurance for Horticulture Produce under the Merchant's control.

- 15.1. The details of the insurance policy are as follows:
  - (a) the insurance policy is with Elders Insurance

- (b) the maximum amount of insurance cover provided by the policy in respect of claims that may be made in relation to the Horticulture Produce is \$100,000 in total.
- (c) the policy covers fire, and machinery breakdown e.g. cool room failure (other than deterioration of quality or any other inherent losses).

## 16. Dispute resolution

16.1. In the event that there is a dispute with the Merchant under this agreement or the Code, the Grower should contact the person specified below:

### Merchant contact

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

16.2. In the event that there is a dispute with the Grower under this agreement or the Code, the Merchant should contact the person specified below:

### Grower contact

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

16.3. The parties agree that if a dispute arises between them in relation to any matter covered by this agreement, they will follow the dispute resolution procedure set out in Part 5 of the Code.

## 17. Termination

17.1. Subject to subclause 17.2, this agreement can be terminated by either party giving four (4) weeks' written notice of termination to the other party.

17.2. Despite anything else in this agreement, where the term of this agreement is 90 days or more, or is not specified, either party may terminate this agreement at any time within the cooling-off period being:

- (a) 14 days after the day on which this agreement was entered into, or
- (b) such shorter or longer period as is agreed by the parties, provided the initial cooling-off period is not reduced by more than 7 days.

- 17.3. Where this agreement is terminated pursuant to subclauses 17.1, 17.2(a) or 17.2(b), any trade that has occurred under the agreement before the termination is governed by the terms of this agreement.
- 17.4. Subject to subclause 17.5, a party to this agreement who receives a payment (of money or other valuable consideration) for the purposes of, and directly related to, trade that would have occurred after the termination of the agreement, must return the payment to the party who made the payment within 14 days after the day on which the agreement is terminated.
- 17.5. A party required to return a payment under subclause 17.4 may deduct, from the amount to be returned, reasonable expenses incurred under the agreement for the purposes of, and directly related to, trade that would have occurred after the termination of the agreement.

## 18. Variation

- 18.1. This agreement may only be varied by further agreement in writing between the Merchant and the Grower and be accepted by the parties to it either by signature by both parties or a written notice of offer and a written notice of acceptance.

## 19. Ethical Sourcing

- 19.1. The Merchant expect the grower to be in compliance to the local government employment requirements. Where all sourcing of labour is conducted legally, ethically and without prejudice. further agreement in writing between the Merchant and the Grower and be accepted by the parties to it either by signature by both parties or a written notice of offer and a written notice of acceptance.

# Agreement Signing Page

The parties agree that by signing this agreement, they enter into an agreement comprising:

- (a) the terms and conditions set out in clauses 1 to 19 above
- (b) Annexure 1 – Definitions and Interpretation

Executed by or on behalf of [Print Merchant’s name and ACN/ABN]

	)	
	)	
Signature of director	)	Signature of director/company secretary
	)	
Name of director (print)	)	Name of director/company secretary (print)
Date	)	Date

Executed by or on behalf of [Print Grower’s name and, if relevant, ACN/ABN]

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**[If Grower is an individual]**

Signature of Grower		Date

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**[If Grower is a company]**

Signature of director		Signature of director/company secretary (delete as appropriate, or entire column if sole director company)
Name of director (print)		Name of director/company secretary (print)
Date .....		Date.....



# Annexure 1 – Definitions and interpretation

## 1. Definitions

### In this agreement–

**Code** means the Horticulture Code of Conduct prescribed by the *Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes–Horticulture) Regulations 2017*, as amended from time to time.

**Grower** means a person who grows Horticulture Produce for sale and for the purposes of this agreement is the person specified on page 1 of the agreement.

**Horticulture Produce** means unprocessed fruit, unprocessed vegetables (including mushrooms and other edible fungi), unprocessed nuts, unprocessed herbs, other unprocessed edible plants, but does not include Nursery Products.

**Merchant** means a person who purchases Horticulture Produce from a Grower for the purpose of resale of that Horticulture Produce, but does not include:

(a) a person who purchases the Produce for export by that person, or

(b) a person who purchases the Produce for retail sale by that person

and for the purposes of this agreement is the person specified on page 1 of the agreement.

**Nursery Products** include: trees, shrubs, plants, seeds, bulbs, corns and tubers (other than edible tubers); propagating material and plant tissue cultures, grown for ornamental purposes or for producing fruits, vegetables, nuts or cut flowers or foliage; and cut flowers or foliage.

**Reporting Period** means the period specified in subclause 3.1.

**Start Date** means the period specified in subclause 2.1.

**Statement Period** means the period specified in subclause 3.3.

**Term** means the period specified in subclause 2.1.

**Merchant** means a Merchant and for the purposes of this agreement is the person specified on page 1 of the agreement.

## 2. Interpretation

In this agreement, unless the contrary intention appears:

(a) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular

(b) the word ‘includes’ in any form is not a word of limitation

(c) a reference to ‘\$’ or dollars is a reference to Australian dollars

(d) a reference to any legislation or legislative provision includes a statutory modification, substitution or re-enactment of that legislation or legislative provision

(e) if any word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any part of speech or other grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning.